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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	X
ROSEMARIE RICHARDSON,	

Plaintiff,

Index No. 16-CV-01364 (JPO)

-against-

CARMEN FARINA, KATHERINE G. RODI, CANDACE R. MCLAREN, MIRIAM M. BERARDINO, ANNA STEEL, THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE NEW YORK CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

Defendants.
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DECLARATION OF ALLEN KOHN IN OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS

ALLEN KOHN, an attorney, admitted to the practice of law in this Court, hereby declares upon penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, as follows:

1. I am an employee at Itkowitz PLLC, attorneys for Plaintiff ROSEMARIE RICHARDSON ("Richardson").

- 2. I am familiar with the facts and circumstances of this proceeding involving Richardson and CARMEN FARINA ("Farina"), KATHERINE G. RODI ("Rodi"), CANDACE R. MCLAREN ("McLaren"), MIRIAM M. BERARDINO ("Berardino"), ANNA STEEL ("Steel"), THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ("DOE"), THE NEW YORK CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION ("BOE") AND THE CITY OF NEW YORK ("NYC") (collectively "Defendants").
 - 3. I submit this declaration in opposition to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss.
- 4. Upon information and belief, on or about March 2, 2016, "B. Mazyck," an individual of suitable age and discretion who is employed by the New York City Law Department, accepted a true and accurate copy of the Summons ("Summons") and Verified Complaint ("Complaint") in this action on behalf of Farina. Attached as "Exhibit 1" is a copy of the Affidavit of Service.
- 5. On March 14, 2016 Itkowitz PLLC attempted to mail Rodi, McLaren, Berardino and Steel a copy of the Summons and Complaint at 65 Court Street, Brooklyn New York 11201 ("65 Court Street"). A copy of the envelopes' mailing labels are attached as Exhibit "2."
- 6. UPS informed Itkowitz PLLC that its mailings could not be accepted at 65 Court Street due to a lack of suite number in the address. Attached as Exhibit "3" are the return envelopes from UPS.
- 7. On March 28, 2016, I had a phone conference with Kevin Connolly ("Connolly"), opposing counsel, and requested the suite numbers for Rodi, McLaren, Berardino and Steel.
- 8. Connolly informed me that McLaren and Steel ceased their employment with the NYC, BOE and DOE and cannot be served at 65 Court Street.
 - 9. Connolly also refused to disclose McLaren and Steel's forwarding addresses.

- 10. Connolly further informed me that Rodi's suite number is the "2nd floor" and Berardino's suite number is "3rd Floor."
- 11. On April 12, 2016, in a properly addressed envelope, Itkowitz PLLC sent Miriam M. Berardino at 65 Court Street, 3rd Floor, Brooklyn New York 11201 a copy of the Summons and Complaint, a completed AO 398 (Rev. 01/09) Notice of Lawsuit and Request to Waive Service of a Summons, two completed copies of AO 399 (01/09) Waiver of the Service of Summons and a prepaid return envelope. A copy of the envelope's mailing is attached as Exhibit "4."
 - 12. To date, Itkowitz PLLC has not received a response from Berardino.
- 13. On April 12, 2016, in a properly addressed envelope ("April Envelope"), Itkowitz PLLC sent Katherine G. Rodi at 65 Court Street, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn New York 11201 a copy of the Summons and Complaint, a completed AO 398 (Rev. 01/09) Notice of Lawsuit and Requist to Waive Service of a Summons, two completed copies of AO 399 (01/09) Waiver of the Service of Summons along with a prepaid return envelope.
- 14. Pursuant to FRCP Rule 26(a)(1)(A), on April 12, 2016, I sent an email to Connolly requesting the addresses of McLaren and Steel. A copy of the email is attached as Exhibit "5."
- 15. Connolly replied "I can accept service on behalf of Ms. McLaren and Ms. Steel."

 A copy of Connolly's email is attached as Exhibit "6."
- 16. On April 20, 2016 the April Envelope was returned to Itkowitz PLLC marked "Suite Number Needed." Attached as Exhibit "7" is a copy of the return receipt.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the instant Motion to Dismiss

be denied in all respects.

Dated: New York, New York June 9, 2016

> ITKOWITZ PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff

By: <u>/s</u>

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STATE OF NEW YORK) ss. COUNTY OF NEW YORK The undersigned, being duly sworn, says: I am not a party to this action, am over 18 years of age and am employed at Itkowitz PLLC, 26 Broadway, 21st Floor, New York, New York 10004. On March 7, 2016 I served true copies of the annexed Summons and Complaint (hereinafter referred to collectively as "the papers") on the New York City Board of Education as described below.
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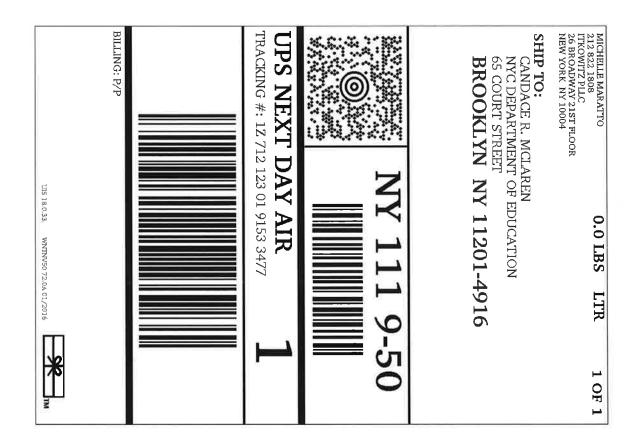
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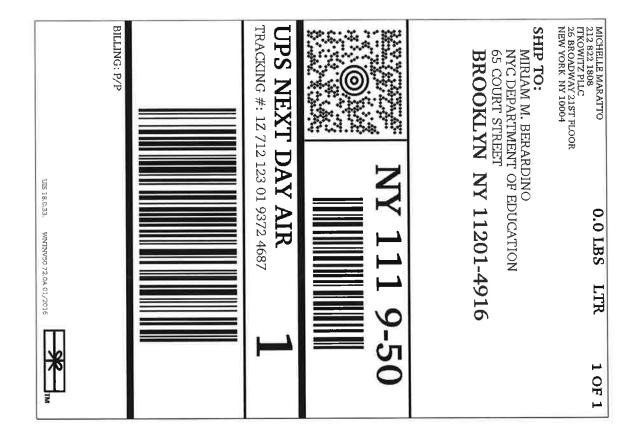
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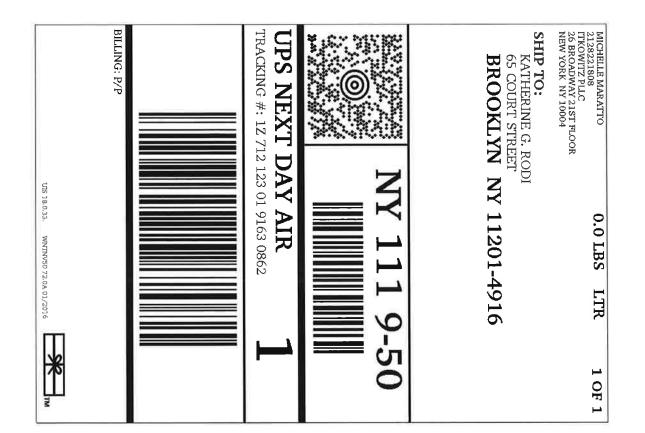
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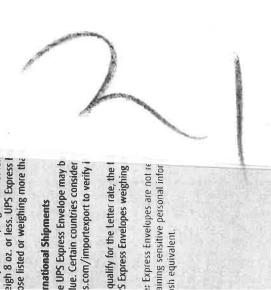


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Kevin,

As discussed last week. We are requesting that you provide us with the addresses of Candace R. McLaren and Anna Steel.

Please provide the requested information or contact me to discuss.

Best,

Allen

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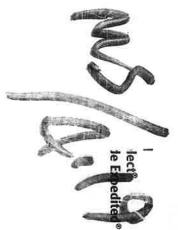




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